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70. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of linking web pages, comprising the step of:

associating at least one supplementary link with a primary web page, the at least one supplementary link being normally hidden from the view of the user so as not to disrupt the flow of text or graphics displayed on the web page;

providing [[means]] a user initiated command by which the at least one supplementary link becomes visible and accessible to the user to enable the user to access at least one secondary web page, the at least one supplementary link being independent of any menu accessible through links visible to the user on the primary web page.

71. (ORIGINAL) The method as defined in claim 70, at least one supplementary link being stored in a datastructure that is separate from the primary web page.

72. (ORIGINAL) The method as defined in claim 71, the datastructure being associated with the primary web page.

73. (CANCELED)

74. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as defined in claim ~~[[73]]~~ 70, the user initiated command being given through a single HTML tag on the primary web page.

75. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as defined in claim ~~[[73]]~~ 70, the user initiated command being a keystroke command code.

76. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as defined in claim ~~[[73]]~~ 70, the user initiated command being through an icon.

77. (CANCELED)

78. (ORIGINAL) The method as defined in claim 76, the icon being on a browser's tool bar.

79. (ORIGINAL) The method as defined in claim 70, including a request for linking application process whereby a third party seeks permission from an owner of the primary web page to add a new supplementary link to the primary web page.

80. (ORIGINAL) The method as defined in claim 79, the request for linking application process including a list of criterion which must be met before the third party can add a new supplementary link to the primary web page, the addition of the new supplementary link being automatically permitted upon the third party meeting the list of criterion.

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81. (ORIGINAL) The method as defined in claim 70, further including means for searching for supplementary links within a specified proximity to a cursor.

82. (ORIGINAL) The method as defined in claim 70, further including a search engine that searches for supplementary links that meet specified search criterion.

83. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of linking web pages, comprising the step of:

associating ~~at least~~ more than one supplementary link with a primary web page, ~~at least one~~ each supplementary link being stored in a datastructure that is separate from content of the primary web page, ~~at least one~~ each supplementary link providing access to at least one secondary web page, each supplementary link being normally hidden from the view of the user so as not to disrupt the flow of text or graphics displayed on the web page, each supplementary link being independent of any menu accessible through links visible to the user on the primary web page;

providing a user initiated command by which all normally hidden supplementary links becomes visible and accessible to the user.

84-86. (CANCELED)

87. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as defined in claim ~~[[86]]~~ 83, the user initiated command being given through a single HTML tag on the primary web page.

88. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as defined in claim ~~[[86]]~~ 83, the user initiated command being a keystroke command code.

89. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as defined in claim ~~[[86]]~~ 83, the user initiated command being through an icon.

90. (CANCELED)

91. (ORIGINAL) The method as defined in claim 89, the icon being on a browser's tool bar.

92. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as defined in claim ~~[[84]]~~ 83, including a request for linking application process whereby a third party seeks permission from an owner of the primary web page to add a new supplementary link to the primary web page.

93. (ORIGINAL) The method as defined in claim 92, the request for linking application process including a list of criterion which must be met before the third party can add a new supplementary link to the primary web page, the addition of the new

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supplementary link being automatically permitted upon the third party meeting the list of criterion.

94. (ORIGINAL) The method as defined in claim 83, further including ways for searching for hidden supplementary links within a specified proximity to a cursor.

95. (ORIGINAL) The method as defined in claim 83, further including a search engine that searches for hidden supplementary links that meet specified search criterion.

96-97. (CANCELED)

98. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of ~~linking~~ linking web pages, comprising the step of:

associating several supplementary hidden links with a primary web page, each supplementary link being normally hidden from the view of the user so as not to disrupt the flow of text or graphics displayed on the web page, each supplementary link being independent of any menu accessible through links visible to the user on the primary web page, the supplementary hidden links being stored in a datastructure that is separate from content of the primary web page;

providing a user initiated command by way of which all of the supplementary hidden links become ~~become~~ accessible to the user to enable the user to access selected secondary web pages;

providing a request for linking application process whereby a third party seeks permission from an owner of the primary web page to add a new supplementary hidden link to the primary web page, the request for linking application process including a list of criterion which must be met before the third party can add a new supplementary hidden link to the primary web page, the addition of the new supplementary hidden link being automatically permitted upon the third party meeting the list of criterion.

99-134 (CANCELED)

135. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as defined in claim 70, the association between the at least one supplementary link and the primary web page being explicitly reflected as content ~~on~~ within the primary web page.

136. (ORIGINAL) The method as defined in claim 70, the association between at least one supplementary link and the primary web page being implicitly derived from a selected attribute of the primary web page.

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137. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as defined in claim 70, having multiple supplementary links, with each supplementary link being linked to a pixel or a point between pixels on the primary web page. ◆◆

138. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as defined in claim 70, multiple supplementary links being linked to an individual pixel or a point[[s]] between pixels on the primary web page. ◆◆